Construction of AERO Bridges at Hyderabad Airport

1365. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for operating the AERO Bridges at Hyderabad Airport;

(b) the cost of these AERO Bridges;

(c) the schedule for commencing operations; and

(d) the reasons for delay in completing this project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Due to shortage of apron space for aircraft parking and two-level operation of passenger terminal building, aerobridges have to be provided.

(b) The total cost of four aerobridges to be installed at Hyderabad airport is Rs. 685 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Even though two aerobridges on international side were installed in October, 1997, there were delay in commisioning due to the replacement of some parts that got damaged during transportation and servicing of the equipment through the supplier. Finally, these were commissioned on 31.5.1998. Two aerobridges on the domestic side are likely to be commissioned in October, 1998, after the work of modification of existing domestic terminal is completed.

भागलपुर (बिहार) के लिए विमान-सेवा

1366. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बिहार में भागलपुर में एक अच्छा विमानपत्तन है और क्या सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली से कलकत्ता वाया भागलपुर कोई उड़ान आरंभ करने की योजना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके कारण क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) से (ग) भागलपुर हवाई अड्डा बिहार राज्य सरकार का है। किसी भी विमान कंपनी ने भागलपुर होकर अपने उड़ानें प्रचालित करने की आवश्यकता नहीं जतलाई है। विमान कंपनी प्रचालकों को मार्ग वितरण मार्गदर्शीय सिद्धांतों के अनुपालन के अध्यधीन यातायात मांग और वाणिज्यिक व्यवहार्यता के आधार पर विशिष्ट स्थानों के लिए विमान सेवाएं शुरू करने के लिए पूरी स्वतंत्रता दी गई है।

Procurement of Additional Aircraft

1367. SHRI SITARAM KESARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to augment its fleet of aircraft;

(b) if so, number of aircraft proposed to be procured/added to the existing fleet and the cost involved; and

(c) how far the additional aircraft will be sufficient to meet the increasing demand of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Expansion/renewal of fleet by the Air India and Indian Airlines is a continuing exercise and depends on the resources of the airlines, traffic requirements, suitability of the aircraft type, viability of operations on various sectors/routes etc.

Expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport

1368. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion/ modernisation work at Bhubaneswar airport has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the work carriet out is of international standard;

(d) if so, whether Government now plan to introduce some international flights from there;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?